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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: Hideaki NISHIO et al.

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STORAGE AREA BY APPLICATION

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**RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the notice of non-compliant amendment mailed December 23, 2008, Applicant is re-submitting the August 18, 2008 Amendments with corrections to the amended claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the Amendments be entered and considered, along with the Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this communication.